



California Fair Political Practices Commission

August 22, 1988

Carolyn Anderson
11672 Reva Drive
Garden Grove, CA 92640

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-88-273

Dear Ms. Anderson:

You have asked several questions concerning the provisions of Proposition 73 which restrict the use of campaign funds commencing January 1, 1989. The specific statute in question is Government Code Section 85306, which provides:

Any person who possesses campaign funds on the effective date of this chapter may expend those funds for any lawful purpose other than to support or oppose candidacy.

On September 8, 1988, the Fair Political Practices Commission will hold a hearing to adopt emergency regulations to implement Section 85306. The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m., at the Commission offices, 428 J Street, Suite 800, Sacramento. We anticipate that the emergency regulations adopted at this hearing will determine the answers to most of the questions presented in your letter.

The Commission has directed its staff to prepare draft regulations covering the possible alternative interpretations, and to recommend which alternatives the Commission should adopt as emergency regulations at the September 8 meeting. These draft alternative regulations and staff recommendations will be sent to you and other interested persons approximately one week before the Commission meeting. You are invited to attend the Commission meeting and you will be afforded an opportunity to present comments to the Commission.

We are creating a list of persons who plan to testify at the September 8 Commission meeting. Please contact Jeanette Turvill at (916) 322-5901 not later than September 7 if you

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wish to have your name included. We will make every effort to permit all interested persons an opportunity to testify; however, first priority will be granted to those persons on the list.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths
General Counsel

Kathryn E. Donovan
By: Kathryn E. Donovan
Counsel, Legal Division

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California Fair Political Practices Commission

October 2, 1989

Margaret Heise
6771 Lawn Haven Drive
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. A-88-273

Dear Mrs. Heise:

In July 1988, you first wrote to us concerning the effect of Government Code Section 85306, as added by Proposition 73,^{1/} on the use of campaign funds received prior to January 1, 1989. This topic has been the subject of litigation for the last several months. We have included your name on our mailing list for Propositions 68 and 73, and thereby attempted to keep you informed of the Commission's interpretation of the law during this time period. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the most recent development on this issue.

On September 14, 1989, a federal court ruled that Section 85306 is unconstitutional and enjoined the Fair Political Practices Commission from enforcing that law. (Service Employees International Union v. Fair Political Practices Commission, Case No. CIVS 89-0433 LKK-JFM, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California.) A copy of the court order is enclosed.

Accordingly, campaign funds received prior to January 1, 1989 may now be used to support or oppose a candidacy for elective office. We caution that candidates and elected officers who possess those funds may not use them to make contributions to any other candidate for elective office. (Section 85304.) We also caution that these funds may not be used for personal expenditures, as defined in Elections Code Sections 12400-12407.

Attached is a Commission advice letter which explains the procedures for transferring these funds to a current campaign account.

^{1/} Proposition 73 was adopted by the voters in June 1988. It amended the Political Reform Act (Government Code Sections 81000-91015.) All references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact the Commission's Technical Assistance and Analysis Division at (916) 322-5662.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn E. Donovan".

Kathryn E. Donovan
General Counsel

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Garden Grove, Ca. 92640

July 13, 1988

State of California
Fair Political Practices Commission
428 J Street, Suite 800
Sacramento, California 95804

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your most recent information regarding
the campaign initiatives.

I do have two (2) questions that maybe you could answer.

1. Are the regulations any different if you support
less than five (5) candidates or issues?
(Our PAC is used for local school board can-
didates and the most we would support monetarily
would be three (3) candidates.
2. By December, 1988, we will probably have \$6,000.
in our PAC. Can we carry this amount of
money over into next year?

Please add the following name to your mailing list for
future information regarding the campaign initiatives.

Mrs. Margaret Heise
6771 Lawn Haven Drive
Huntington Beach, Ca 92648

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Carolyn Anderson



CITY OF CYPRESS

5275 Orange Avenue, Cypress, California 90630

July 8, 1988

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Finance
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Public Works
229-6740
Purchasing
229-6719
Recreation & Parks
229-6780
Redevelopment
229-6720
Risk Management
229-6685

John Larson
Chairman, Fair Political Practices Commission
428 "J" Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 807
Sacramento, CA 95804

Dear Mr. Larson:

The recent passage of Proposition 73 has generated concern in the City of Cypress about the future of our newsletter, the *Cypress City News*, which is distributed bi-monthly through the U.S. mail to all of our citizens. Our City Attorney, Jerry Patterson, has advised us to seek a ruling from the Commission concerning the city's ability to produce and distribute the newsletter. A copy of the *Cypress City News* that would have been mailed in June is attached for the Commission's review and consideration.

Articles in previous issues have covered activities in every one of our city departments. We have provided needed information to the Cypress community about planned business, commercial and residential developments; answered the "most asked questions" about city services; provided information about the creation of a historical commission; commended the contributions of citizens to the improved quality of life in Cypress; and announced upcoming activities and events including the annual Cypress Community Festival. Each issue also contains notifications of dates, times and locations of city council meetings, various commission meetings, and special activities. In addition, we have used newsletter space to encourage residents to take advantage of programs provided through our contract services with the County of Orange Fire Department and Library.

Previous issues did contain photographs of our City Council on the masthead, and the regular "Message from the Mayor" or "Message from the City Council." Other issues had also included photographs of the City Council giving awards at City Council meetings to various community groups, and photographs of the Council at various community activities. However, as a result of the passage of Proposition 73, and our desire for the Commission to recognize and support our efforts to maintain open lines of communication with our residents, we have removed all photographs of our elected officials and the Mayor's and Council's message from

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July 11, 1988

our newsletter. The enclosed proposed May/June 1988 issue reflects these changes. No other changes have been made to this newsletter beyond those indicated. As you can see, the variety of topics and coverage is designed to appeal to all of our residents' interests and needs, and is not intended to influence the community vote in any elections.

The city appreciates your taking the time to review our newsletter to determine whether it conforms to the requirements of Proposition 73. If additional modifications need to be made, specific instruction on those will also be appreciated. Our goal remains to use the *Cypress City News* as a legitimate vehicle to inform our citizens of the activities of their municipal government.

Should you have any questions concerning the *Cypress City News*, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Leonard".

Nancy Leonard
Assistant to the City Manager/
Employee Relations



Cypress

CITY NEWS

Gerald Mullen
Councilman

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Councilman

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Lincoln Avenue revitalization: a public private partnership

This is the second and final in a series of articles looking at the ongoing revitalization of the Lincoln Avenue commercial corridor.

This article highlights the contributions of business and property owners to the Lincoln Avenue revitalization effort through private redevelopment and participation in the Town Hall meeting process.

Revitalization through private redevelopment

Private revitalization on Lincoln Avenue is occurring in two ways. First, there is the renovation of existing properties which allows the property owner to enhance the overall appearance and function of his property while also making necessary changes to comply with current city codes. For example, the property may be improved through the removal or replacement of sidewalks and curbs, street

lights, utility lines, business signs and billboards. There may also be new parking and landscape areas added. Moreover, buildings can be revitalized through changes to the exterior treatments and color schemes.

The second type of revitalization occurs when existing buildings are replaced by the construction of new commercial buildings. Often successful projects include combining two or more parcels.

Existing examples of such development include:

- * The Isaac Commercial Center under construction at 5735 Lincoln Avenue. This attractive two-story commercial building and restaurant site is the result of the combination of three parcels and the elimination of an older kennel and residence.

- * The Campus View Center recently completed at 9111 Valley View Street, south of the intersection of

Lincoln Avenue and Valley View Street. Here a new retail center has replaced a recreational storage and repair yard which was visible from the street. The recreational vehicle repair business has remained at the site, but is now located within the new commercial building. Landscaping has been added and recreational vehicle repair has been moved to the rear of the building away from the street.

- * The mini-storage facility under construction at 8882 Watson Street north of Lincoln Avenue. This site is being transformed from a heavy construction and building materials site into a mini-storage development adding landscaping and sidewalks along the front of the property.

Revitalization directly benefits the community through the receipt of increased property tax revenue from new construction as well as sales tax revenue

from new and expanded commercial retail businesses. Residents benefit as Lincoln Avenue becomes a more attractive place to go for shopping and needed services.

Ongoing meetings on the revitalization goals

Lincoln Avenue business and property owners are continuing to contribute to the Lincoln Avenue planning process begun with last year's Town Hall meetings by holding a series of informational meetings to explore ways of achieving the goals identified at those meetings.

The Cypress Chamber of Commerce has been assisting with the arrangements for these meetings and has made notifications of meetings to area businesses. The results will be reported back to the City Council for consideration in the implementation of the goals.

Recent commercial developments, and the active participation of Lincoln Avenue property and business owners shows that the public/private partnership is an important part of the ongoing revitalization effort.

Summer isn't just for kids, anymore!

Cypress summer activities registration

Summer is right around the corner — the days will be longer, the nights will be warmer and the kids will be out of school! The Cypress Recreation and Park District has planned well for all contingencies. Special interest classes, day camps, sports and excursions are offered to suit everyone's tastes and interests. Bring the whole family!

New this year are a large variety of day camps. Baseball, football and water polo are offered in coordination with Cypress High School's Centurian Sports Camps, and are available to children in the third through twelfth grades. Tennis camps will also be available for children 6 years and up. Camp Calico and Happy Wanderers day camps are designed for children 4 to 11 years and will include crafts, sports and games, special events, and mini-excursions to local amusement parks. Spirit Camp is back this summer for children 8 to 12 years who are interested in cheerleading, drill team, and song.

Many special interest classes are also available. Dance, gymnastics,

ceramics, baton, karate, Jr. Ranger program, memory power and study skills are just a sample. Teen programming will be in full swing with overnight excursions to Santa Cruz, Catalina Island, and a bike trip to San Diego. Local beach trips are also planned.

Aquatic registration begins Friday, June 24. This "in person" registration will be conducted at the Community Center. Classes for all ages and abilities are scheduled.

It should be noted that adult special interest classes and competitive sport leagues are also available. These include dance, karate, badminton, clogging, tennis, fitness classes, yoga, ceramics, calligraphy, to name a few. Co-rec, men's and women's competitive slow pitch leagues are set to begin in August.

Summer excursions will include two trips to the Hollywood Bowl, a behind the scenes tour of San Diego Wild Animal Park, and a Dodgers v. Astros game (which has already sold out!)

Mail in or drop box registration begins May 24 for Cypress residents.

1988 Cypress community festival "moov-ing to greater heights"

The 32nd Annual Cypress Community Festival scheduled for Saturday, July 23, includes a pancake breakfast, 7th annual 5K/10K Run through the streets of Cypress, and the 8th Annual Chili Cook off, sponsored by the Friends of Cypress Recreation & Parks. Food and game booths sponsored by civic and community organizations, family games and activities including pony rides and petting zoo, a commercial midway sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and an arts and crafts fair with over 80 participants are also included. Festival participation is expected to reach 20,000.

The Community Festival, planned and implemented by volunteers, is a celebration of community pride and growth in a country atmosphere. This year's theme "Moov-ing to Greater Heights!", was created by Hannah Merriman who attends Lexington Junior High School. She really captured the bovine influence and essence of Cypress' roots.

There is so much to see and do at this year's Festival, it's hard to know where to begin. Your neighbors may

be participating in the 5K/10K Run . . . is that your Uncle John going back for seconds on the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast? . . . surely, that isn't your spouse at the chili stage taking part in the hollerin' contest . . . you say the kids volunteered you for the dunk tank?

Don't miss the 1988 Cypress Community Festival. If you do you'll never find out who was selected as Senior King and Queen of the Festival, why people actually schuck corn, or why beans aren't allowed in the contest chili.

Come celebrate with us!



City Council highlights

- March 28**
- Appointed Stacey Seltzer to the Youth Commission to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of term.
 - Proclaimed April 17-24, 1988 as "Victim's Rights Week."
 - The Buena Park/Cypress/La Palma Board of Realtors, represented by Ms. Judy Gilbert, presented a \$500 check to Officer Shari Shovlin of the Cypress Police Department. The funds will aid the Cypress D.A.R.E. program in its continuing fight against drugs.
 - Proclaimed April 18-22, 1988 as "You've Got the Power; Register and Vote Week."
 - Proclaimed April, 1988 as "Cable Television Month."
- March 29**
- Announced its intention to advertise for interested candidates to fill two vacancies on the Cultural Arts Commission.
 - Approved a \$1 fee increase for recreation programs beginning with the 1988 summer registration. Acting as the ex officio governing Board of Directors for the Cypress Recreation and Park District, the Council approved an increase from \$20 to \$25 for the Camp Calico Day Camp program; and an increase from \$25 to \$30 for the Happy Wanderers Day Camp program.
- April 11**
- Proclaimed May, 1988 as "Older Americans Month."
 - Proclaimed May, 1988 as "Independent Living Month."
 - Participated in a commemorative service to observe April 10-17 as the "Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust."
 - Proclaimed May 1, 1988 as "Law Day U.S.A."
 - Voted to retain William R. Oshii & Associates, Inc. of Long

Beach to evaluate and design an emergency power system for the Civic Center.

- Proclaimed May 1-7, 1988 as "Hire-A-Veteran Week."
 - Accepted a donation of \$2,500 from the Fieldstone Corporation for the creation of the "Fieldstone Visual Arts Scholarship Fund." The money will be placed in a trust fund and interest from this fund will be used to award arts scholarships. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded during the 1987-1988 fiscal year.
 - Proclaimed May 14, 1988 as "Fire Service Recognition Day."
 - Reappointed Joseph Heinz to his second four year term on the Recreation and Community Services Commission and voted to advertise for applicants to fill two remaining vacancies on the commission.
- April 25**
- Proclaimed May 18, 1988 as "Transit Appreciation Day."
 - Awarded the contract for maintaining police motorcycles to V.I.P. Motorcycles of Buena Park through April 30, 1989.
 - Proclaimed May 1, 1988 as "Voter Registration Day."
 - Extended the contract for the parking citation management program, originally awarded to Vertical Management Systems and which since has been purchased by Computril Corporation of Huntington Beach, on a month by month basis, until such time as Council has reviewed and determined the best alternative.
 - Proclaimed April 24-30 as "Consumer's Week."
 - Awarded the contract for the July 4th Joint Cities Fireworks display to Pyro-Spectacular of Rialto in the amount of \$8,000.00.
 - Proclaimed May 7, 1988 as "Cub Reporter Day."



Miss Teen Cypress 1988, Victoria Kogan (l) and Miss City of Cypress 1988, Gina Marie Desmond (r) smile their delight at being chosen to represent our community this year.



Orange County fire department now sends help faster

Assistance is on the way!

State of the art radios and computers now make it possible for the Orange County Fire Department to reach you faster when you need them. The modern technology and equipment which make this possible are part of the new communications center that was designed for the county's central headquarters. The result is that as a Cypress resident your emergency call is processed and an emergency vehicle is started on its way to you in less than 15 seconds from the time your call is received on the "9-1-1" emergency line.

Efficient computers aid the response crews by pinpointing the hospital closest to an emergency incident. These computers can also provide the county's "emergency response" crews with valuable information on the kinds of hazardous materials that can be found at certain locations. Important facts about local facilities — like where emergency exits are located in a nursing home and the kinds of medical supplies kept on hand — are also available to responding crews.

The county's ability to obtain necessary information for computer identification of hazards has been aided by the Hazardous Materials Disclosure Program. This program has been developed to implement the new state law which requires businesses to disclose the types of chemicals stored at their different sites.

To learn more about what the county fire department provides Cypress residents through programs, services and assistance: call 744-0400.



Officer Shari Shovlin of the Cypress Police Department accepts a \$500 check from Judy Gilbert, on behalf of the D.A.R.E. program at the March 28 City Council meeting. (See City Council Highlights)

SPECIAL NOTES

On Wednesday evening, July 20 1988, the Citizen's Operational Disaster Emergency Service (C.O.D.E.S.) will be presenting a four-hour C.P.R. certification course at the Cypress Senior Citizen Center, 9031 Gridlay Avenue, Cypress. The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 p.m. This training will be presented at a minimal cost (less than \$5.00) and is open to any Cypress resident who wishes to attend.

For reservations or additional information, please call Lt. John Schaefer of the Cypress Police Department, (714) 229-6628.

In the March/ April issue we reported the Better Business Bureau was no longer locally available. We are happy to report that a branch office did open in Cypress at the end of April. According to Bill Verner, Director of Operations for that organization, requests for information and assistance should be addressed to the Better Business Bureau, 6101 Ball Road, Cypress, CA. (714)

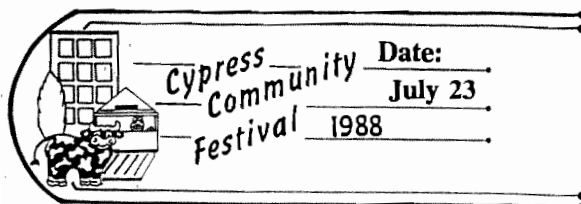
Neighborhood safety fairs . . . a success!

The Cypress Police Department was on hand with their new police motorcycles, K-9 units and crime prevention van. Officer McGruff made a special visit with balloons, coloring books and Jr. Police badges for the kids. Child fingerprinting was offered for \$1.00 a child and bicycle licenses for \$3.00.

Other safety fairs were recently held on Sunday May 22nd at Willow Park, and at Cedar Glen Park on Friday June 10th.

For details about these and other services, please contact the Cypress Police Department Crime Prevention Office at 229-6686.

The Cypress Police Department and local area coordinators for Neighborhood Watch recently held the first two of four scheduled "Neighborhood Safety Fairs" at Cypress community parks. These fairs, held at Eucalyptus Park on April 10 and at Oak Knoll Park on May 1, included safety and rescue demonstrations by the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center, the Orange County Fire Department and the Cypress Police Department. The reserve center supplied a medical evacuation helicopter, and the fire department put their hook and ladder truck and paramedic unit into action.



Calendar of events

Thursday	June 16	Cultural Arts Commission meeting 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Monday	June 20	Summer Reading Game Signups — Library Lobby — ages 3 to 12
Tuesday	June 21	Traffic Commission meeting 3:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Monday	June 27	City Council meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Public hearings
Wednesday	June 29	"Deep Secrets" Library Fun Club showing "Whales Ahoy!," a free 45-minute slide/tape show. 1:30 p.m. at Library
Monday	July 4	Joint City Fireworks Celebration for Cypress and Los Alamitos residents. 8:30 p.m. at the Katella/Lexington entrance to the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center.
Thursday	July 7	CATV Commission meeting 4:30 p.m. at the Civic Center
Monday	July 11	City Council meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Public hearings
Wednesday	July 13	Senior Citizens Commission meeting 3:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Tuesday	July 19	Traffic Commission meeting 3:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Thursday	July 21	Cultural Arts Commission Meeting 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center
Saturday	July 23	Cypress Community Festival 1988! BE THERE!
Monday	July 25	City Council meeting 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. Public hearings

What makes the festival such fun?



"Residents and visitors enjoyed themselves at last year's festival."

In celebration of our 32nd year of incorporation, the Cypress Community Festival will be held on Saturday, July 23, 1988, at the Cypress Cultural Arts Center. This Festival is unique as it is entirely planned and implemented by the community. Volunteers, both individuals and community groups, successfully plan this event each year. In fact, so much is planned it will be hard to decide what to see, do, or eat first!

We will begin the morning energetically, with a 5K/10K Run that gets underway at 7:00 a.m. With an expected 2,000 participants, divisions for all ages and handicapped runners, the Run can always be counted on to really set the mood for the entire day.

Look for the crowning of the Senior King and Queen. This year the minimum age has been set at 50 years. Contestants are sponsored by a civic group or community organization in Cypress.

For big appetites in need of good

food, be sure to try some of the competition chili prepared for the 8th Annual Chili Cook-off. This event — one of our perennial favorites — is sanctioned by the International Chili Society and sponsored by the Cypress Friends of Recreation and Parks. Everyone always seems to have a foot stomp'n', hand clapp'n' good time! We are expecting 25 chili cook'ers to compete this year.

Other activities include a pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, two entertainment stages with day long scheduling, family games and activities, 80 art and craft vendors, a commercial midway, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and food booths of every description. Festival participation is expected to reach 20,000.

If you are interested in volunteering, or your organization would like to sponsor a food or game booth, or if you would like more information, please call the Cypress Recreation and Park District at 229-6780.

On the bookshelf . . .

Cypress branch library 5330 Orange Avenue June Activities

AGE 3-12 AND LOVE TO READ?

Summer Reading Game sign-ups begin Monday, June 20 in the library lobby. This program is free and children between the ages of 3-12 are encouraged to sign-up to participate. The Game begins on Monday, June 27 and continues through Tuesday, August 16. To compete, children between the ages of 3-5 must have one book read to them before playing the Summer Reading Game and children between the ages of 6-12 must read one book on their own before playing the game. Teen volunteers will help the children receive free "treasures" as they read during the summer. Children who read at least 10 books will earn a certificate and an entry to the Grand Prize drawing to be held on August 17 at 1:30 p.m. To learn additional details, visit the volunteer table or call the information desk.

AGE 13-18? BE A TEEN VOLUNTEER!

The Cypress Branch Library needs teens ages 13-18 to help children play the Summer Reading Game. Teens who volunteer at least 10 hours this summer will receive a certificate/gift book, a free paperback and an invitation to a teen party in August. Signups for teen volunteers begin May 1st in the library lobby.

Interested teens can call the Children's Librarian at 826-0350 for more details.

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 6-12 (or ages 3-5, accompanied by an adult) . . . you are invited to come to the first meeting of the "Deep Secrets" Library Fun Club on Wednesday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m. The Club will kick off the summer in the Community Room with "Whales Ahoy!", a free slide/tape show from the Cetacean Society. Free 45-minute programs will be offered each Wednesday from June 29 through August 17.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME FOR AGES 3-5

TUESDAYS AT 10 A.M.
JULY 5 - AUGUST 16.

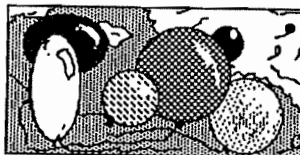
30-MINUTE PROGRAM - STORIES,
FILMS, CRAFTS & FUN!
DAY CARES WELCOME!

JOIN THE "DEEP SECRETS"
FUN CLUB EACH WEDNESDAY
AT 1:30 P.M.

FREE 45-MINUTE PROGRAMS -
FILMS - SURPRISE GUESTS & FUN
FOR ALL!

KICK-OFF PROGRAM
"WHALES, AHOY!"
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

BALLOON LAUNCH
CELEBRATE ORANGE COUNTY'S
100TH ANNIVERSARY!
FREE BALLOONS FOR ALL
CHILDREN ON MONDAY,
AUGUST 1 AT 1:30 P.M.
BALLOON LAUNCH AT 2:30 P.M.



CLOSING PROGRAM
"RUMPLESTILTSKIN"
PUPPET SHOW
FOR ALL CHILDREN
WHO HAVE JOINED THE
SUMMER READING PROGRAM.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17
AT 1:30 P.M.

CYPRESS LIBRARY HOURS
Mon. - Wed./10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Fri. - Sat./10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday



First joint city fireworks celebration

The cities of Cypress, Seal Beach and Los Alamitos, in cooperation with the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center, are holding the first Joint City Fireworks Celebration set for July 4, 1988, at the Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center. Viewing participants are asked to use the Katella/Lexington Reserve Center entrance. Featured is a special "Sky Concert" display synchronized to music. The celebration is set to begin at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Admission is free.

The fireworks presentation will be an aerial and audio display set to music. The show will be approximately 25 minutes in length. The display will include a variety of fireworks which provide multiple effects and an array of sparkling, solid colors keeping the sky brightly lit, right up through the grand finale. For more information, please call the Cypress Recreation and Park District at 229-6780.

Home improvement funding available for Cypress property owners

Does your home need major structural, plumbing or electrical repairs? Is there a need for remodeling or for a room addition because of overcrowding in your home? Programs are available to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income homeowners through low interest loans and grants for needed repairs and renovation. The programs are funded by Community Development Block Grant monies awarded each year to the City of Cypress by the County of Orange. The monies are actually held in reserve for Cypress residents by the County.

The loan and grant programs are available in specified areas within the city which demonstrate characteristics of a mature housing stock. Low interest loans can also be made available to low and moderate income homeowners who live outside these designated areas if there is a serious need for repairs or renovation.

The Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program can provide homeowners with loans of up to \$45,000 for needed home repairs and remodeling. Loans may also be made for room additions to relieve serious overcrowding. The interest rates depend on income and payments may be deferred.

The Emergency Repair Grant Program provides homeowners up to

\$8,000 for essential structural, plumbing and electrical repairs to make their homes safe and sound.

Minor home repairs performed by the property owner may be eligible for a rebate of half the cost of the work up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Other programs which are available include a rental rehabilitation program which assists the owners of rental properties with the cost of making needed repairs to homes and apartments occupied by low and moderate income tenants, and a loan program to renovate buildings which combine businesses and residences.

Because of the high cost of housing in Orange County, qualifying for the programs is easier, than many people realize. Currently, family of four with an income of \$32,400 or less would meet the qualifications for a low and moderate income household.

The residents and property owners who receive assistance are not the only ones who benefit from these programs. Repairs and renovations improve the overall appearance of the neighborhood, benefiting everyone who lives there.

To determine whether you qualify for one of these loans, or to receive an application, contact the Orange County Housing and Community

Development Home Improvement Program Office at (714) 568-4199.

How long does it take to get City approval?

For planning department review most plans only take a one stop over the counter approval. For second story additions staff may need three to five days to review the plans which may also include an on-site inspection to make sure second story windows are placed in such a way to avoid imposing on the privacy of neighboring residents. Should any plans need changes, additional time is required until revisions are made.

The building department's plan check typically takes one week from the date of submittal. Revisions require additional time as necessary.

How much does it cost for city review and building permits?

Planning department review of single-story room additions and patios requires no fees. Second story room additions require a \$10 fee for minor design review. Building plan fees are charged based on the type of construction and the square footage.

How does it benefit the homeowner to obtain city approval and building permits rather than to do it without them?

The most important benefit is your safety and peace of mind. When room additions or patios are submitted to the city, staff makes sure the plans are designed and constructed to protect you and your family's safety.

Another benefit is related to state requirements if you later sell your home. Lending institutions are now complying with state disclosure laws by requiring the seller to provide copies of building permits for all structures on the property. If an addition or patio is not built with a city building permit, obtaining one later may be time consuming and costly. For example, if the existing structure does not meet building code requirements, the homeowner must make necessary modifications or may even have to completely rebuild.

If zoning standards are not met, the homeowner may be required to apply for a variance from the City Council, approval of which can not be assured.

The city staff is always happy to answer any of your questions on room additions and patios as well as other types of construction.

Room additions and patios homeowners most asked questions

Many homeowners today are making the decision to expand or improve their homes. Whether adding room for a growing family or building a patio for outdoor recreation, homeowners can find the project easier to complete when they know why, when and where to receive necessary city approvals.

The following tips are offered to answer the most common questions asked by homeowners:

What are the specific types of building additions or patios that require city approval and building permits?

All types of building additions and patios require city approval and build-

ing permits. Examples include: Single story and two story room additions for bedrooms, family rooms and utility rooms; enclosed patios and patio covers.

How do I go about getting approval from the city?

You may begin by calling or visiting the city's planning department to ask questions about zoning and development standards required. It is often useful to bring in a rough drawing of the room addition or patio to discuss it with staff and to decide whether you wish to pursue your plans further.

If you decide to move ahead, the next step is to prepare a set of pro-

posed plans for design and construction. The planning department staff will explain exactly what kind of plans are required and how many sets you will need.

Once the plans are prepared, the planning department staff studies your plans to make sure they satisfy the requirements of the zoning ordinance. For example, staff checks how far the addition is set back from the property line, how much the house and the addition together cover the lot, and they review the height of any second story additions. Staff also makes sure the proposed addition architecturally matches the existing home.

If any changes to the plans are re-

quired, staff explains and asks that revised plans be submitted. Once the plans are approved by the planning department, they are forwarded to the building department.

The building department requires what is known as plan check to make sure that the proposed room addition or patio plans are correct and meet all building code requirements.

If there are changes required, the building department staff explains and returns the plans for corrections. When the revised plans are submitted, and approved, a building permit may be issued.

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MAYOR/COUNCIL	229-6659
CITY MANAGER	229-6688
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	
DEPARTMENT	229-6720
FINANCE DEPARTMENT	229-6713
PERSONNEL OFFICE	229-6681
POLICE DEPARTMENT	229-6600
Administration	229-6620
Crime Prevention	229-6740
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	229-6730
Building Division	229-6741
Engineering Division	229-6741
Maintenance Division	229-6741
(7:30 AM - 4:30 PM)	229-6760
RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT	229-6780
Community Center/Facilities and	
Program Information	229-6780
Senior Citizens' Center	229-6776
Senior Citizens' Nutrition	229-6779
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July 21, 1988

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Re: Your Request for Advice
Our File No. 88-273

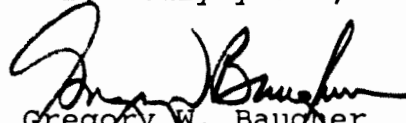
Dear Ms. Anderson:

Your letter requesting advice concerning the recently enacted campaign finance reform initiatives (Government Code Section 85100, et seq.) was received on July 15, 1988 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Kathryn Donovan, an attorney in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

Because of the delayed operative date of most of the provisions of these initiatives, and the numerous inquiries we are receiving relative to implementation, we are attempting to respond to questions regarding interpretation in an organized and efficient fashion. Due to the volume of requests and complexity of the issues involved, we will answer your question in a timely manner, but not within the usual twenty-one working days. (Government Code Section 83114(b).)

If more information is needed, the person assigned to prepare a response to your request will contact you shortly to advise you as to information needed. You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,


Gregory W. Baugher
Executive Director

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